

## Visit to Italy

**WITH THE BLESSING** of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian, His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methoni visited Italy during the third week of the Great Fast on the occasion of the annual



meeting of the Italian missionary community, “Associazione Dei Christiani Ortodossi in Italia—Guiruisdizioni Tradizionali,” which is headquartered in the city of Pistoia and the president of which is His Eminence, Bishop Silouan of Luni.

There, on the Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, 21 March 2005 (Old Style), Bishop Ambrose concelebrated with the local Hierarch, Bishop Silouan, and all of our clergy (Priests and Deacons) in Italy, at the

Church of the New Martyrs and Confessors in Pistoia, with many of the Faithful in attendance.

Bishop Ambrose also went to Rome, where he visited our catacomb Church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, which is now being appropriately remodelled. The Church is served by Father Stefano Dell’ Isola, who is well-versed in the Greek language. His Grace also visited the parish Church of the Old Calendarist Romanians, which is dedicated to the Holy Martyrs of this glorious city of ancient Christianity. □

